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E. S. Adkins House
Salisbury
Private

1893, c. 1915

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Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-567

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Elijah Stanton Adkins House

other _____

2. Location

street and number 801 North Division Street _____ not for publication

city, town Salisbury _____ vicinity

county Wicomico

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Kenneth B. and Annette L. Miller

street and number 801 North Division Street telephone _____

city, town Salisbury state MD zip code 21801

4. Location of Legal Description

~~courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.~~ Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 1736 folio 397

city, town Salisbury tax map 104 tax parcel 580 tax ID number 05-000319

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>2</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>_____</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>_____</u> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u>_____</u> objects
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		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Elijah Stanton Adkins house stands at 801 North Division Street north of the Newtown Historic District in the City of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The house is located on the northeast corner of the intersection of North Division and Philadelphia streets. Facing west, the principal roof of the two-and-a-half story, asymmetrically planned frame dwelling is oriented on a north/south axis.

Begun in 1893 and significantly altered around 1915, the two-and-a-half story, five-bay, asymmetrically designed frame dwelling is supported on a stretcher bond foundation with the exterior clad in a combination of plain weatherboards and fishscale shingles. The main block is covered by a steeply pitched hip roof with multiple gable roofed extensions. The roofs are sheathed with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block are a pair of two-story rear wings. Joining the house on the lot is a single-story, gable-front frame garage.

The west (main) elevation is an asymmetrical five-bay, ell-shaped front with a projecting two-story, two-bay pavilion on the north side. The pavilion is defined by a single-story, three-sided bay window with nine-over-one sash windows. The second floor is lighted by nine-over-one sash windows as well. The gable end has an enclosed pediment with a paired set of six-over-one sash windows. The tympanum is framed by a boldly bracketed eave. The entrance is located in the recessed wall, which is sheltered on the first floor by a Tuscan columned, wraparound porch. The entrance bay of the porch is defined by a cross gable with a bracketed eave. Stretching between the Tuscan columns is a rectangular baluster handrail. The six-panel front door is framed by a boldly detailed surround with neoclassical pilasters framing four-over-four sash sidelight windows. To the south of the entrance bay is a tripartite series of windows with a twelve-over-one center window and six-over-one flanking sash. The second floor is marked by a tripartite window above the entrance bay with a twelve-over-one center sash flanked by six-over-one side windows. Nine-over-one sash windows marked by adjacent two bays, and each opening is flanked with louvered shutters. The roof is marked by a pair of hip roofed dormers sheathed with wood shingles and fitted with six-over-one sash windows.

The south gable end is a two-bay elevation with an interior/exterior stretcher bond brick stack rising through the center of the wall. Nine-over-one sash windows light the first and second floors. The first floor is sheltered by a continuation of the Tuscan columned porch, which is entered through fully glazed French doors to the side of the chimney stack. The gable end is trimmed with a bracketed eave, and quarter round windows light the attic.

The north side of the house is defined by rows of nine-over-one sash windows which light the first and second floors. An interior brick stack pierces the roofline.

The east (rear) wall is dominated by two, two-story, rear wings which extend from either end of the main block. In between the two wings is a two-story, shed roofed infill distinguished by banks of nine-over-one and six-over-one sash windows. The north service wing is extended farther east by a single-story gable roofed section.

The interior of the house was not seen.

Standing behind the house is a single-story, gable-front frame garage sheathed with weatherboard siding. Board doors pierce the south (main) wall.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates 1893

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ *Salisbury Advertiser*, 3 June 1893.

² Sanborn Insurance Map, 1904, microfilm at the Nabb Research Center of Delmarva History and Culture.

³ Wicomico County Land Record, JCK 121/189, 28 December 1920.

⁴ Wicomico County Land Record, AJS 936/290, 3 January 1980.

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801 North Division Street
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland

Chain of title
Map 104. Parcel 580

1736/397	Scott A. Michlin
	to
3/14/2000	Kenneth Bruce Miller Annette Louise Miller
MSB 1532/12	James E. Andrews Martha Andrews
	to
2/29/1997	Scott A. Michlin
1411/369	James C. Andrews
	to
6/27/1994	James C. Andrews Martha Andrews

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MSB 1266/471

Clara R. Zoellner & Thomas L. Lilly as Trustees of the
Martha Jean Zoellner Trust

to

10/2/1991

James C. Andrews

1211/596

Martha Jean Zoellner

to

Clara R. Zoellner and Thomas L. Lilly as Trustees
Item No. 2

AJS 936/290

Maryland National Bank, Trustees of the Estate of
Harry C. Adkins

to

1/3/1980

Martha Jean Zoellner
Whereas by the Last Will and Testament, proved on 2/13/1951,
JAH 3/585, Harry Adkins constituted and appointed Baltimore
National Bank and his wife Hilda L. Adkins executors

JCK 121/189

Fred P. Adkins, et al., Edna S. Adkins, E. Dale Adkins, Jessie
Graham Adkins, Samuel F. M. Adkins, Wilsie A. Adkins, Minnie
R. Adkins, Edna Adkins Elderdice, John M. Elderdice

to

12/28/1920

Harry C. Adkins

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FMS 8/376

James Cannon and wife, Lydia R. Cannon

to

3/7/1892

Elijah S. Adkins
\$1042.19 lots or tracts of land

FMS 1/57

Isabella Humphreys

to

12/10/1885

James Cannon
\$500 4 ½ acres

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Corddry, Mary U., *100 Years of Looking Ahead*, privately printed.

Salisbury Advertiser, 3 June 1893.

Wicomico County Land Records, various volumes, Wicomico County Courthouse.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1/2 acre
Acreage of historical setting 1/2 acre
Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	10/24/2001
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

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BURY BUSINESS REFERENCES.

Officers.

JADVINE, Clerk of the Court.
UMPHREYS, Deputy Clerk.
AM BIRCKHEAD, Register of Wills.
CATHELL, Tax Assessor.
GILLISS, Clerk of Orphans' Court.
RD P DARBY, Commissioners
H. FOOKE,

Attorneys at Law.

IL MALONE, Attorney at Law.
NLEY TOADVINE, "
ARSON, "
HUMPHREYS, "

Carriage and Blacksmiths.

REENEY, Blacksmith and Carriage-maker,
 work promptly and neatly done. Shop on
 12 Hill farm
L HENRY, Blacksmith and Wheelwright,
 at his residence.

Dry Goods, Clothing and Groceries.

JOHN WHITE, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries,
 Hardware, Queensware, Notions, &c.
W. A. AND S. A. GRAHAM, Dealers in Cloth-
 ing, Gents' furnishing Goods, &c. No. 47 Main St.
B. L. GILLIS AND SON, Wholesale and Retail
 Dealers in Groceries, Dry Goods, Notions, Gilling
 Twine, Wood and Willow ware, Fishing Tackle,
 Cotton and Manilla Rope, Corn-meal, &c. No. 70
 Main Street.
J. T. HAYMAN, Dealer in Groceries, Tobacco,
 Notions and General Merchandise. No. 69 Main
 Street.

Editors.

LEMUEL MALONE, Editor of the "Salisbury
 Advertiser."
J. C. BELL, Editor and Publisher of the "Eastern
 Shoreman."

Fruit Dealer.

W. H. CATHELL, Dealer in, and Grower of Small
 Fruits Salisbury, Md.

Hotel.

JOHN TRACY, Proprietor of the "Peninsula Ho-
 tel," also of the "Atlantic Hotel," "Ocean City."

Lumber Dealers.

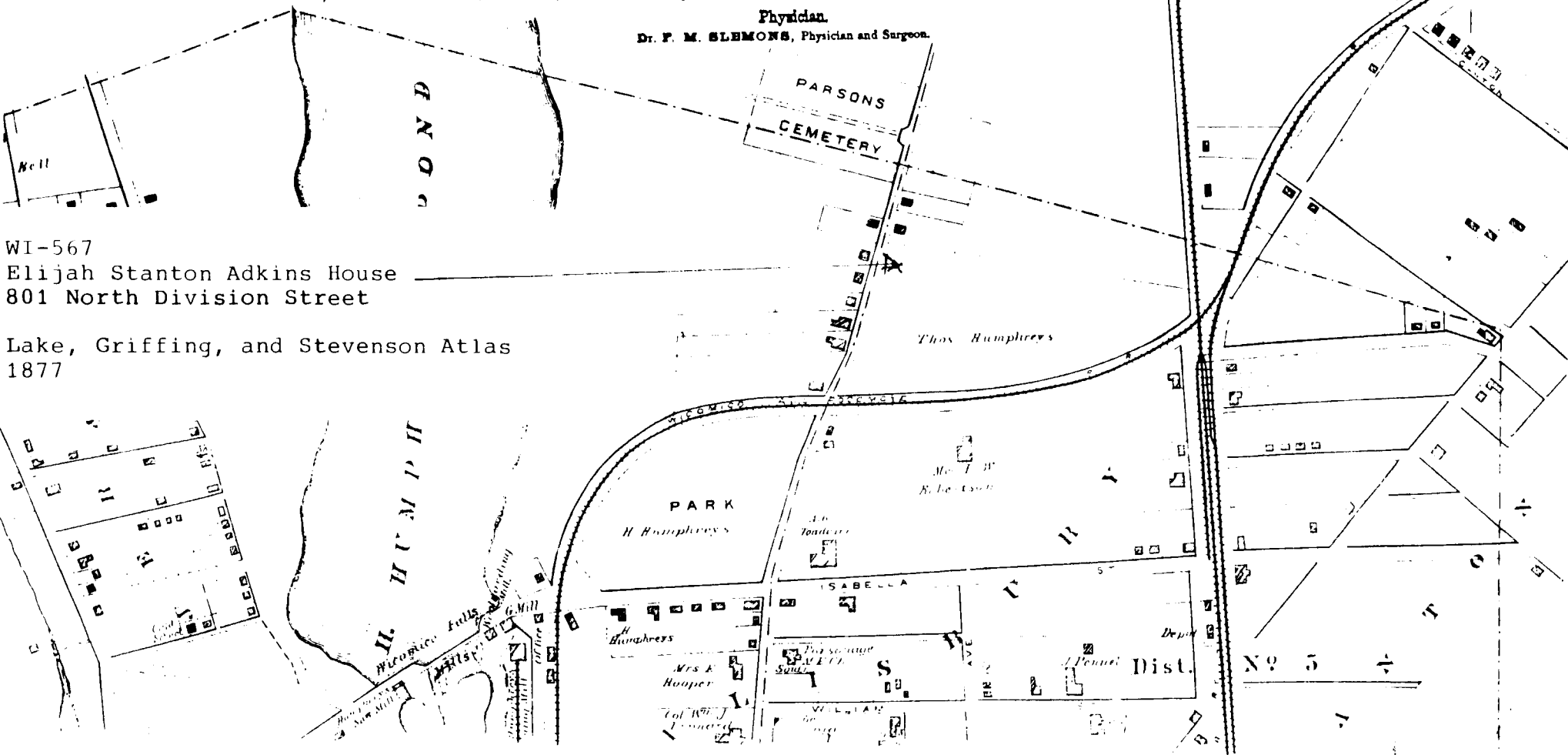
A. C. SMITH AND CO., Wholesale Dealers in
 Lumber, Shingles, Sash, Doors, Blinds and Build-
 ing Materials. Salisbury, Md.
H. HUMPHREYS, Manufacturer of, and Whole-
 sale and Retail Dealer in Dressed Flooring, sur-
 faced Boards, House-framing, Box-boards, Oak
 Lumber suitable for Vessel Material, Gum, Wal-
 nut, Oak and Cherry Hubs, Balusters, Newel Posts,
 Fence Pickets, Post Caps, Flower Vases, Broom
 Handles, Spinning Wheels, Pumps. Turning of
 all Kinds and Styles of Wood and Iron a Specialty.
 Wool carded from July 1st to October 31st. Also
 Manufacturer of Flour, Meal and Feed Stuff. Wi-
 comico Falls Mills, No. 2 Mill Street, Salisbury, Md.

Mills.

GEO. W. LEONARD, Farmer and Proprietor of
 Saw and Grist Mill. Res. and mill $\frac{1}{2}$ miles north
 of Salisbury.
JOHN WILLIAMS, Farmer and Proprietor of
 Saw and Grist Mill $\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of Salisbury.
GEO. H. W. RUARK, Farmer and Proprietor of
 "Ruark Mills" 3 miles north of Salisbury. Res.
 Salisbury.
M. A. PARSONS, Proprietor of S. S. Mill, $\frac{1}{2}$
 miles west of Salisbury on Wicomico River. Also
 Proprietor of Manne Railway.

Physician.

Dr. F. M. SLEMONS, Physician and Surgeon.



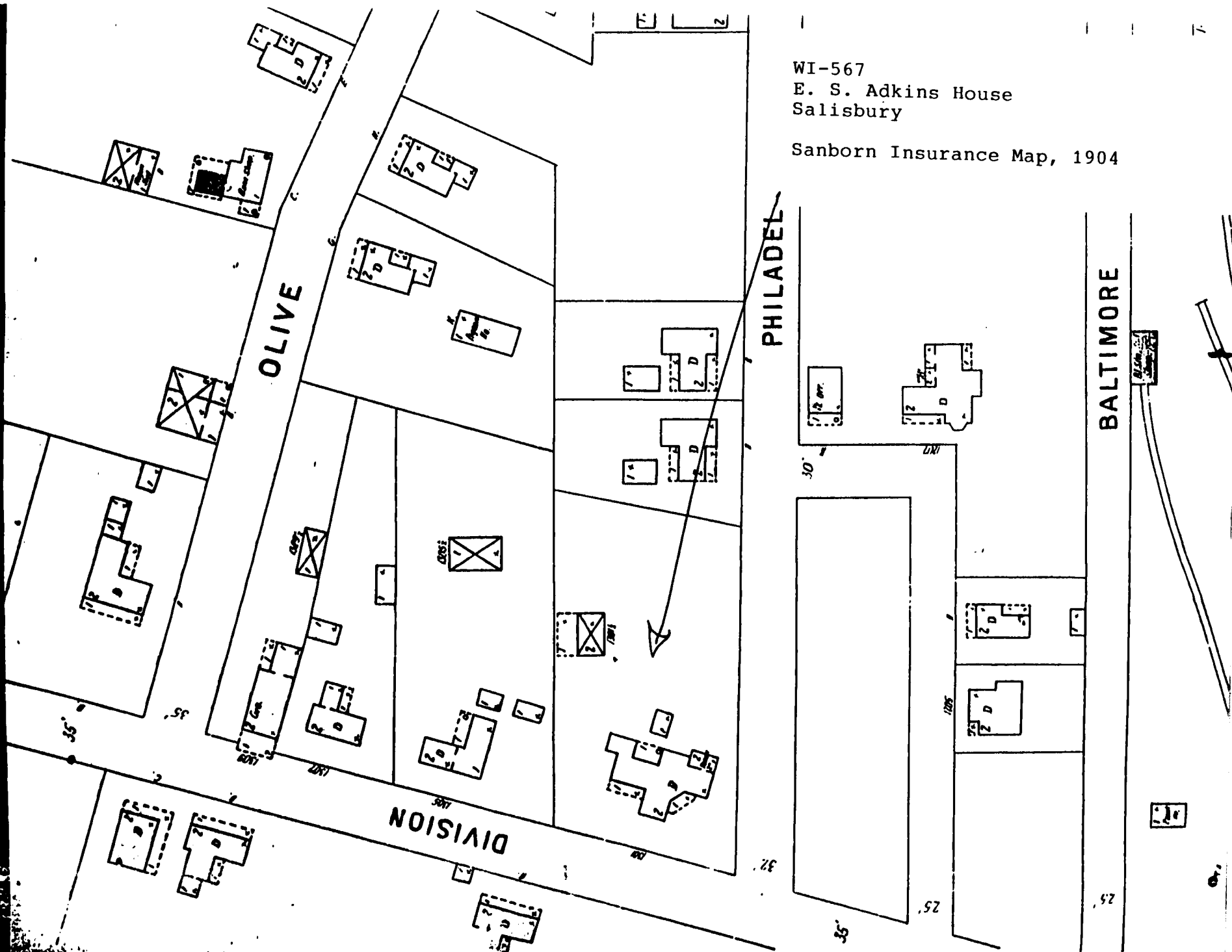
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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas
 1877

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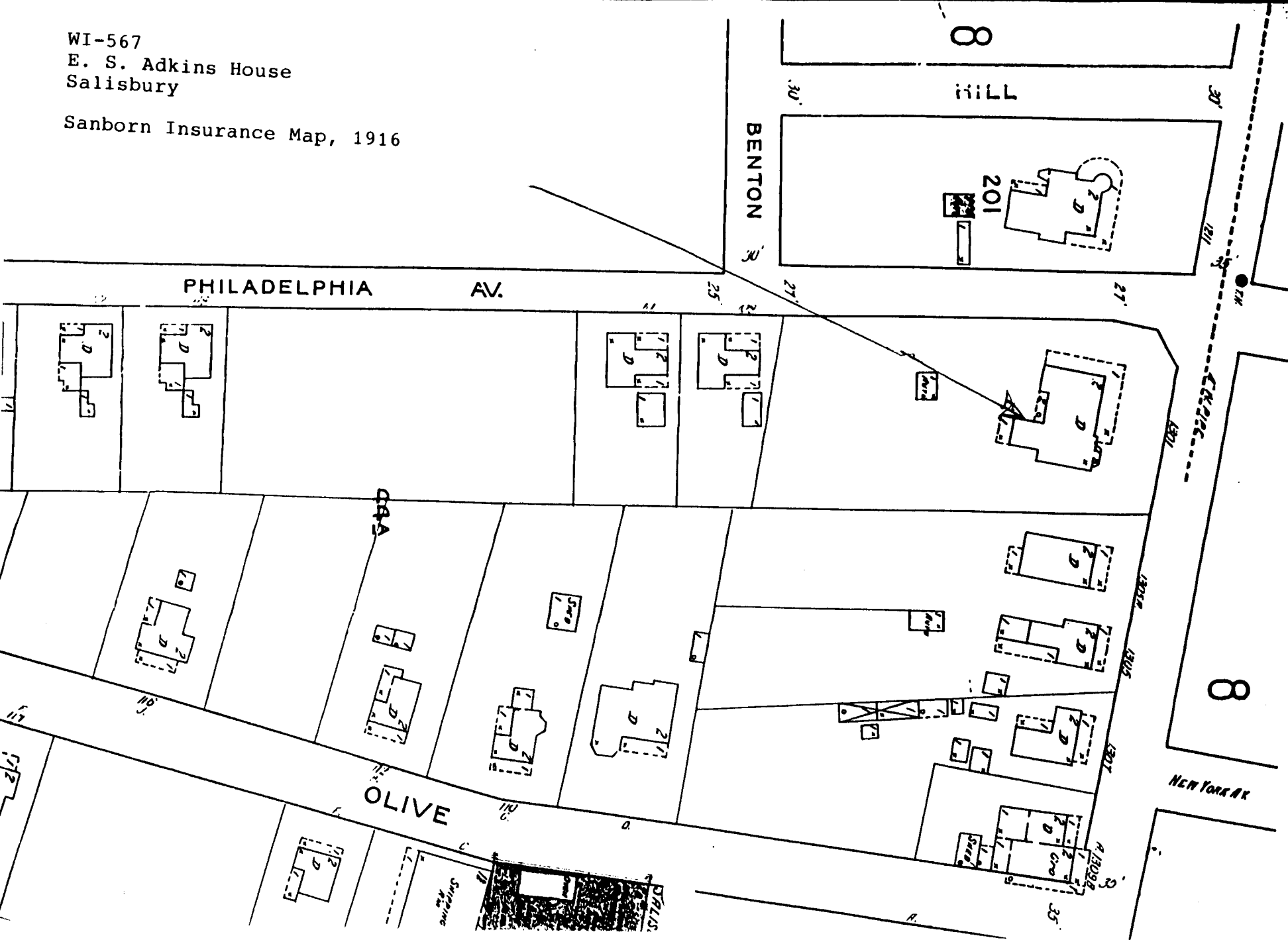
Sanborn Insurance Map, 1904



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E. S. Adkins House
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Sanborn Insurance Map, 1916



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Springburg, Marion Co., Mo.

SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

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E. S. ADKINS HOUSE

Salisbury, Wicomico Co., MD.

WEST ELEVATION

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E. S. ADKINS HOUSE

SALISBURY, WILMOT CO., N.D.

NORTHWEST ELEVATION

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N. D. HISTORICAL TRUST

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Salisbury, Wicomico County, MD.

EAST ELEVATION

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